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**GLEN BURNIE MAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS FOR
PRODUCING CHILD PORN VIDEO**

Baltimore - Maryland. Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced today that Gordon Elliott Thomas III, age 29, of Glen Burnie, Maryland was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Catherine C. Blake to ten years in prison followed by three years of supervised release in connection with his guilty plea on June 23, 2003, to federal charges of sexually exploiting a minor child by producing child pornography. Judge Blake also advised that Thomas would have to register as a sex offender with the appropriate agency in whatever state he plans to reside when he is released. Thomas is a native of Connecticut.

Thomas was arrested in April, 2003 when investigators from the Postal Inspection Service discovered evidence that he had produced a video tape of a minor child engaged in explicit sexual conduct. Thomas was babysitting the minor child who lived next door to Thomas at a Glen Burnie apartment complex. Federal investigators discovered the evidence after learning that Thomas had ordered videos of child pornography from a distributor in the Philippines. In addition to the video tape of the Glen Burnie child, investigators discovered thousands of images of child pornography

stored on Thomas' computer.

The case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service and Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jonathan P. Luna.